Sensitivity to top FCNC decay $t \to ch$ at future e^+e^- colliders

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Outline

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LHC (Moriond 2015):

$BR(t \to ch) < 0.56\%$ (CMS)

$BR(t \to ch) < 0.79\%$ (ATLAS)

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Estimated HL-LHC reach:
(Snowmass Top WG report, 2013)

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Two Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM) as a test scenario:

- one of simplest extensions of the SM
- large enhancement both on tree and loop level possible
  $BR(t \rightarrow c\ h)$ up to 10^{-2} and 10^{-4}, respectively

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All events generated with CIRCE1 spectra + ISR. No polarization.
Only t, W and h defined to be unstable. No hadronization/decays.
No generator-level cuts imposed.

Very simplified detector description

- detector acceptance for leptons: $|\cos\theta_l| < 0.995$
- detector acceptance for jets: $|\cos\theta_j| < 0.975$
- jet energy smearing:

$$\sigma_E = \begin{cases} \frac{S}{\sqrt{E}} & \text{for} \quad E < 100\,GeV \\ \frac{S}{\sqrt{100\ GeV}} & E > 100\,GeV \end{cases}$$

with $S = 30\%$, 50% and 80% $[\mathrm{GeV}^{1/2}]$

- b tagging (misstagging) efficiencies: (LCFI+ package)

Scenario	b	c	uds
Ideal	100%	0%	0%
A	90%	30%	4%
B	80%	8%	0.8%
C	70%	2%	0.2%
D	60%	0.4%	0.08%

Running scenarios

Reference setup:

- $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV (assumed for initial ILC running), 500 fb^{-1} (unpol.)

Other options:

- $\sqrt{s} = 380$ GeV (initial stage for CLIC running)
- $\sqrt{s} = 1000$ GeV (possible ILC/CLIC upgrade)

Limits calculated for integrated luminosities from 300 to 5000 fb^{-1}

H-20 scenario for ILC

- starting at $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV with 500 fb^{-1} in 4 years (polarized!)
- total of 4000 fb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV (after 17 years)

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Event selection cuts for $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV, $30\%/\sqrt{E}$ jet energy resolution

Semileptonic:

- Missing $p_t > 20$ GeV
- Single lepton with $p_t > 15$ GeV
- 4 jets with $p_t > 15$ GeV
- 3 jets b-tagged

Fully hadronic:

- Missing $p_t < 10$ GeV
- No lepton with $p_t > 10$ GeV
- 6 jets with $p_t > 15$ GeV
- 3 jets b-tagged

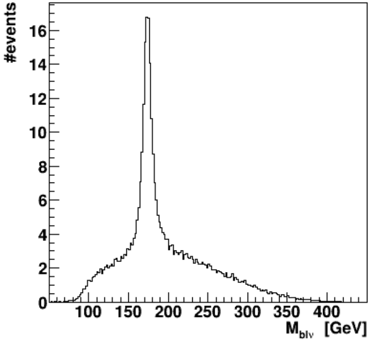
Top reconstruction

Try to group final state objects into two tops

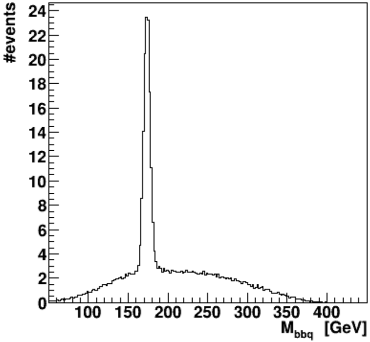
Check invariant mass distributions for all considered combinations

Semileptonic events (signal sample):

Semileptonic "spectator" top decay



Fully hadronic "signal" top decay



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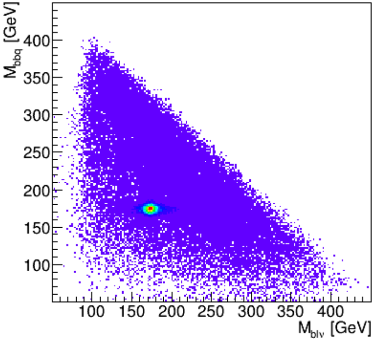

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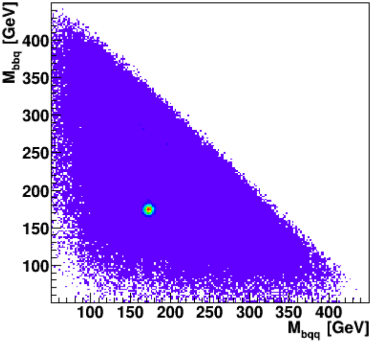

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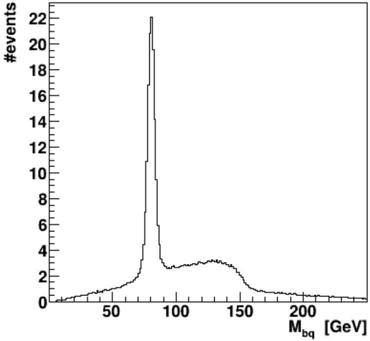

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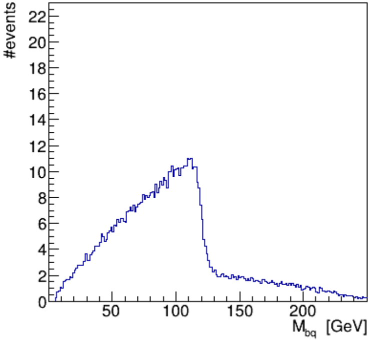

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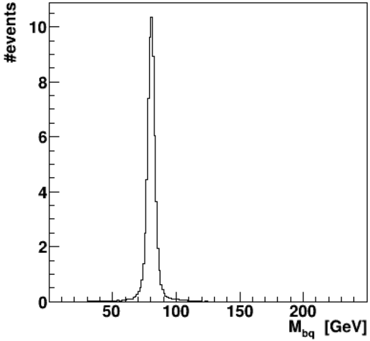

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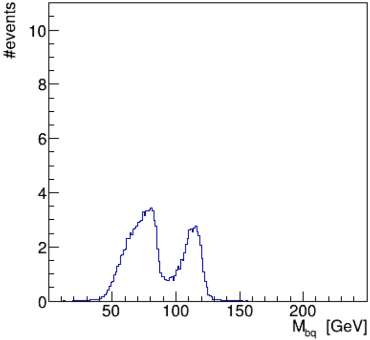

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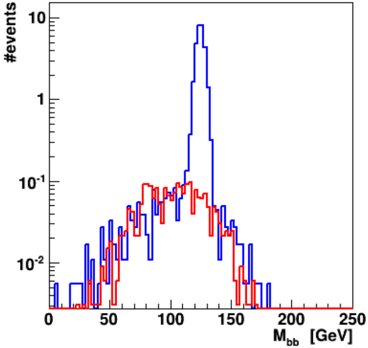
Cut based approach: Higgs candidate events

$W^{\pm}$ veto used: events with $73.5 < M_{bq} < 87.3$ GeV rejected ($\pm 3\sigma$)

Invariant mass of two b-jets jets after $W^{\pm}$ veto: signal vs background

Semileptonic events



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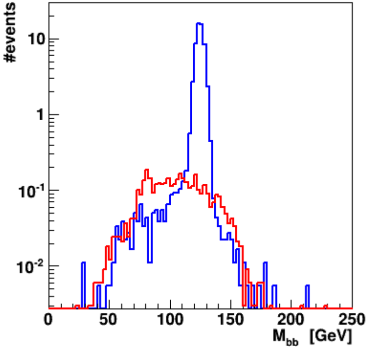

Look for events in the Higgs mass window...

Alternative approach - compare two hypothesis:

- background hypothesis

$$\chi^2_{bg} = \left(\frac{M_{bl\nu} - m_t}{\sigma_{t,lep}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{l\nu} - m_W}{\sigma_{W,lep}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{bbq} - m_t}{\sigma_{t,had}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{bq} - m_W}{\sigma_{W,had}}\right)^2$$

- signal hypothesis

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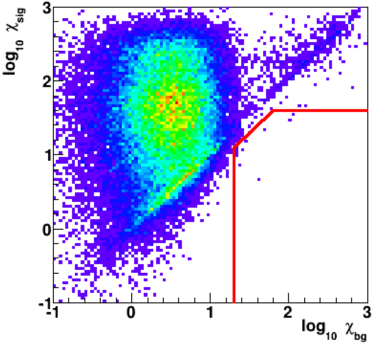
Independent search for best background and signal combinations

Hypothesis comparison

Correlation of $\log_{10}\chi^2$ for two hypothesis (possible cut indicated)

SM background



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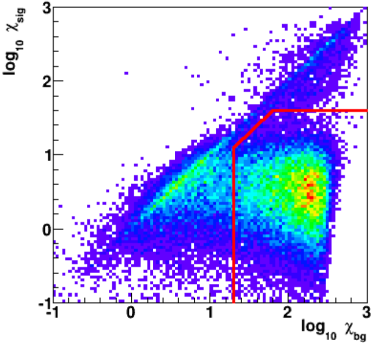

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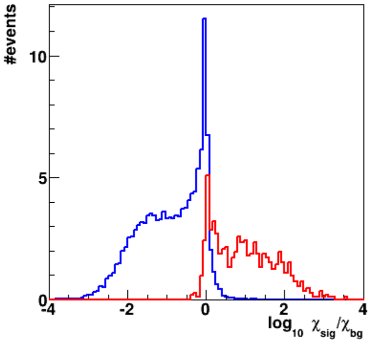
Difference of $\log_{10}\chi^2$ for two hypothesis: signal vs background

Semileptonic channel



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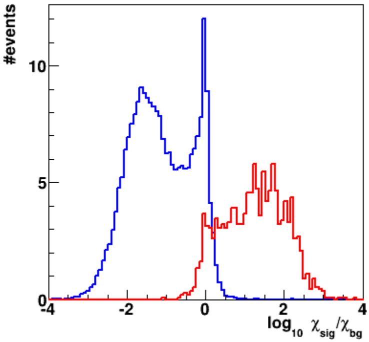

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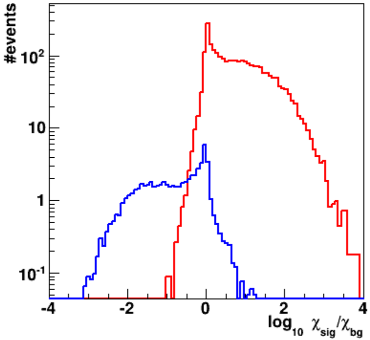

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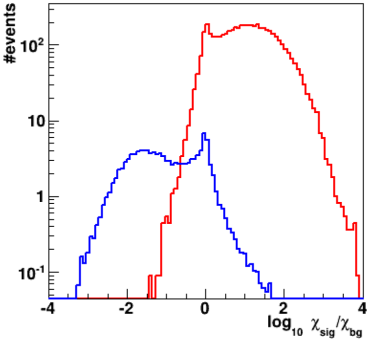

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Single lepton + $\not{p}_t$	102'000	149	102'000	149
4 jets	75'700	122	75'700	122
3 b-tags	64.3	122	2'480	61.3
W veto	5.44	88.2	24.6	45.1
h mass window	0.88	81.5	3.5	39.3
χ^2 cut	0.72	65.0	0.80	31.2
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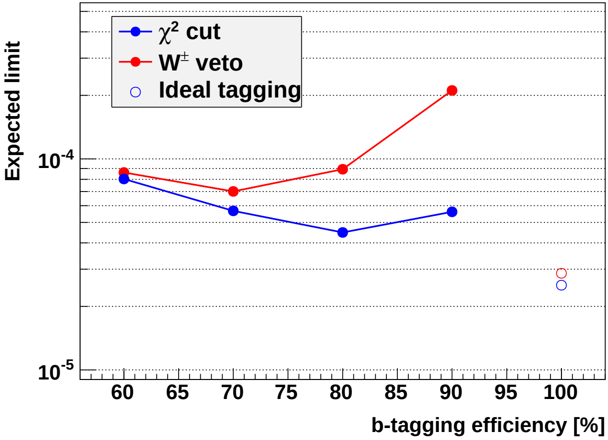
6 jets	73'300	236	73'300	236
3 b-tags	130.1	236	4'680	118
W veto	9.7	160	31.3	79.0
h mass window	1.48	152	3.48	70.8
χ^2 cut	1.41	150	1.25	69.2
h mass window	0.68	143	0.89	65.4

Expected limits

Limits on $BR(t \rightarrow ch) \times BR(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ expected for 500 fb^{-1} @ 500 GeV
from combined analysis (semileptonic+hadronic channels)



Jet energy resolution

Difference of $\log_{10}\chi^2$ for two hypothesis, for signal and background events
Before (solid) and after (dashed) other selection cuts

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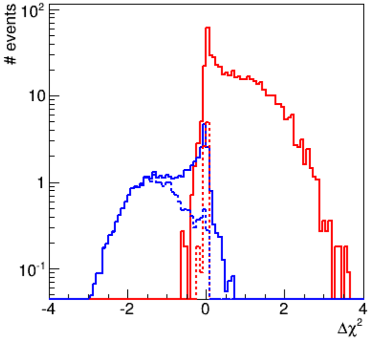

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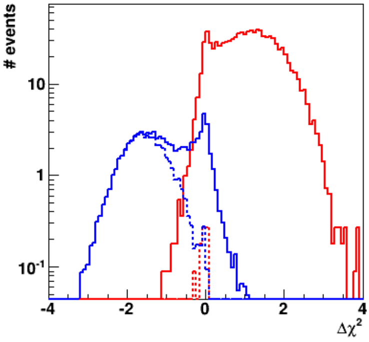

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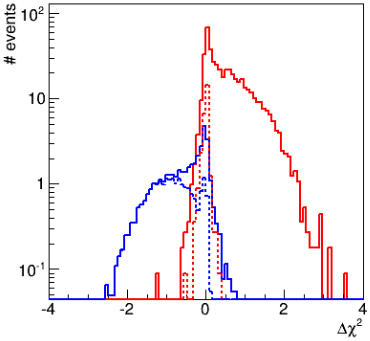

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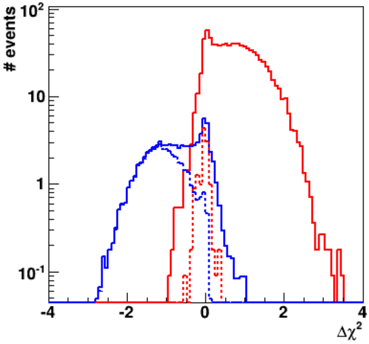

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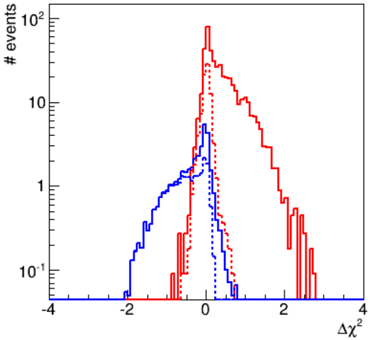

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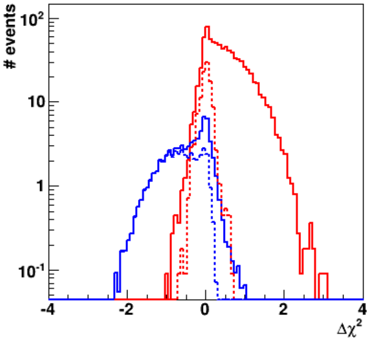
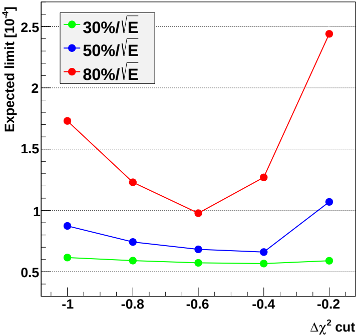


Signal - background separation still possible, but with decreasing efficiency

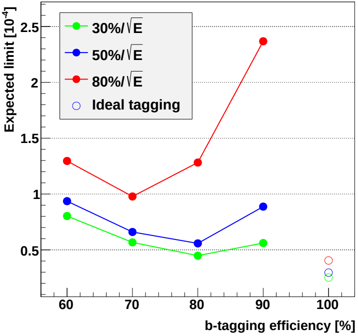
Jet energy resolution

Expected limits on $BR(t \to ch) \times BR(h \to b\bar{b})$
for $500\ \text{fb}^{-1}$ @ 500 GeV and different jet energy resolutions assumed

For b-tagging efficiency of 70%



For optimized $\Delta\chi^2$ cut



Worsening jet energy resolution ⇒ tighter cuts & b-tagging required

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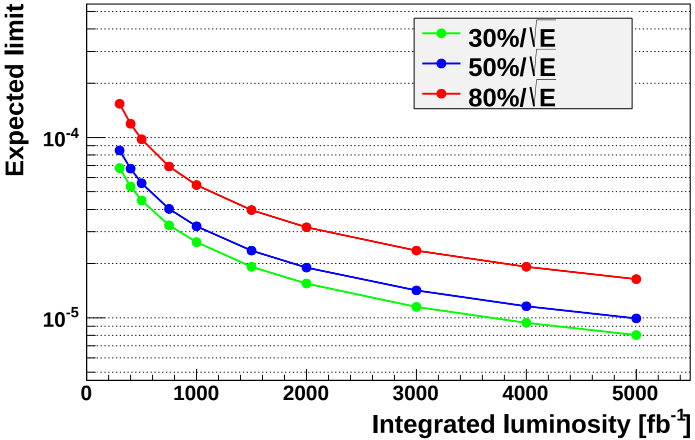

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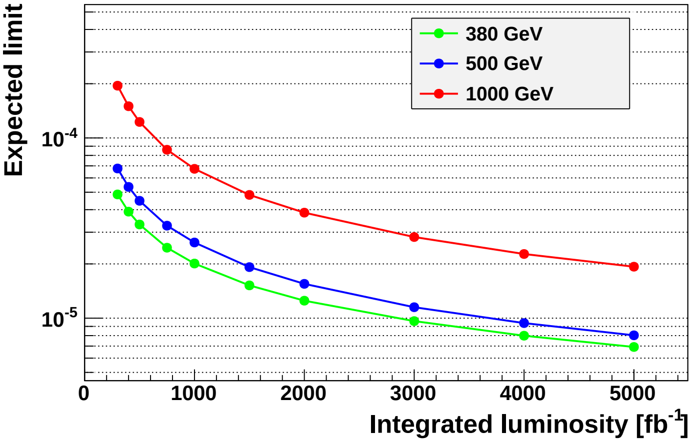

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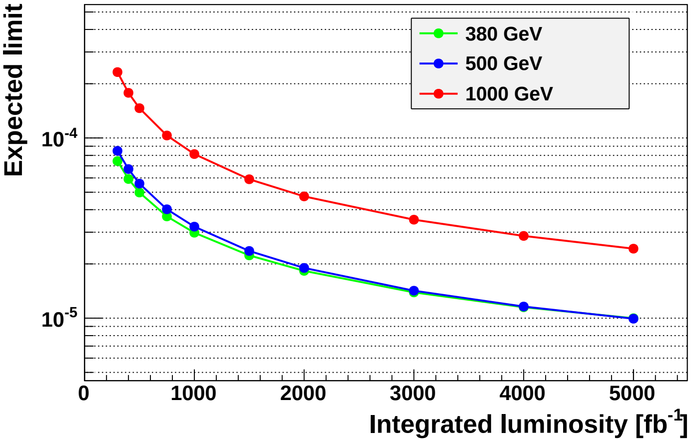

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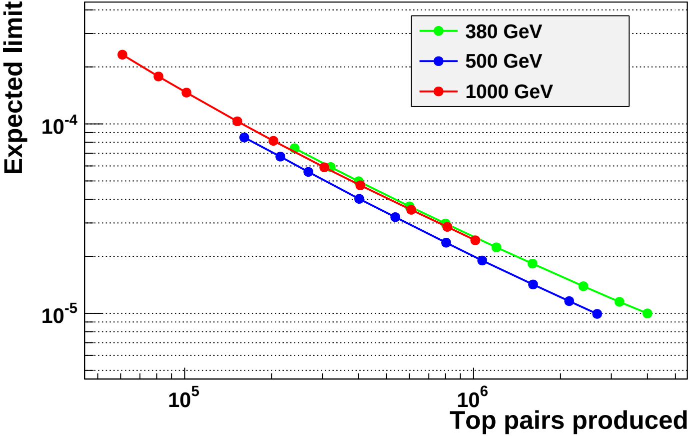

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Flavour tagging preformance crucial for the analysis
$\Rightarrow$ possible benchmark for optimization of detector design

Thank you!

Expected maximal branching rations for different models

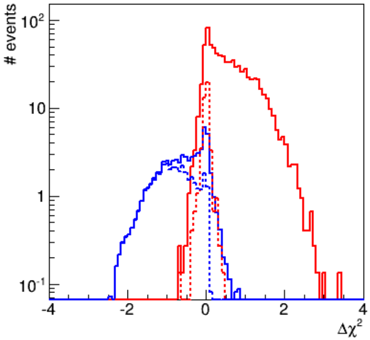
Significant differences between papers - overall limit ranges given

Model	BR($t \to c\ h$)	BR($t \to c\ \gamma$)	BR($t \to c\ g$)	BR($t \to c\ Z$)
SM	$3 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-12}$	10^{-14}
2HDM	10^{-5} - 10^{-4}	10^{-9}	10^{-8}	10^{-10}
2HDM (FV)	10^{-3} - 10^{-2}	10^{-6} - 10^{-7}	10^{-4}	10^{-6}
MSSM	10^{-5} - 10^{-4}	10^{-8} - 10^{-6}	10^{-7} - 10^{-4}	10^{-8} - 10^{-6}
$\not{R}$ SUSY	10^{-9} - 10^{-6}	10^{-9} - 10^{-5}	10^{-5} - 10^{-3}	10^{-6} - 10^{-4}
Little Higgs	10^{-5}	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Quark Singlet	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Randal-Sundrum	10^{-4}	10^{-9}	10^{-10}	10^{-3}

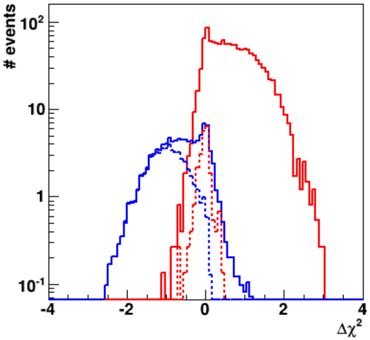
Difference of $\log_{10}\chi^2$ (signal - background) 50% resolution, 70% b-tagging
Before (solid) and after (dashed) additional selection cuts

Collision energy 380 GeV

Semi-leptonic events



Fully hadronic events



Difference of $\log_{10}\chi^2$ (signal - background) 50% resolution, 70% b-tagging
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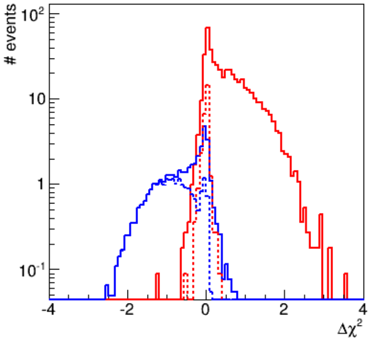
Collision energy 500 GeV

Semi-leptonic events | Fully hadronic events



Difference of $\log_{10}\chi^2$ (signal - background) 50% resolution, 70% b-tagging
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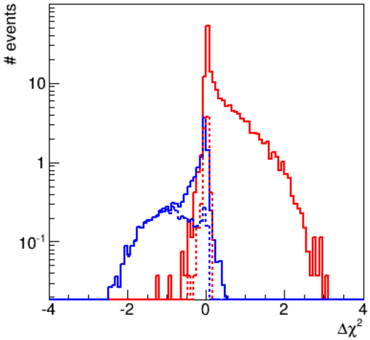
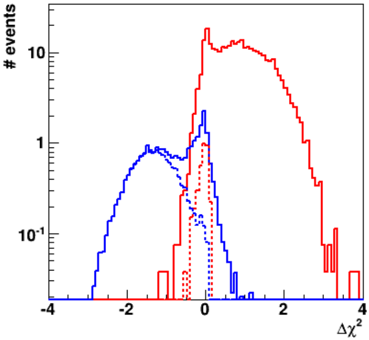
Collision energy 1000 GeV

Semi-leptonic events



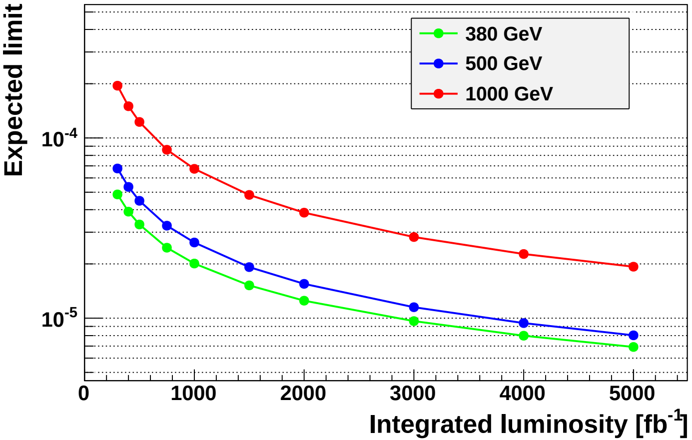
Fully hadronic events



Signal - background separation improves slightly for hadronic events.
Visible loss of efficiency in semi-leptonic channel.

Expected limits on $BR(t \to ch) \times BR(h \to b\bar{b})$

Jet energy resolution 30%



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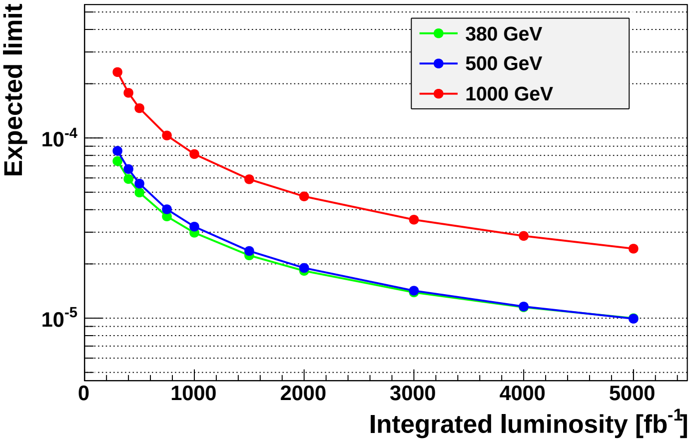

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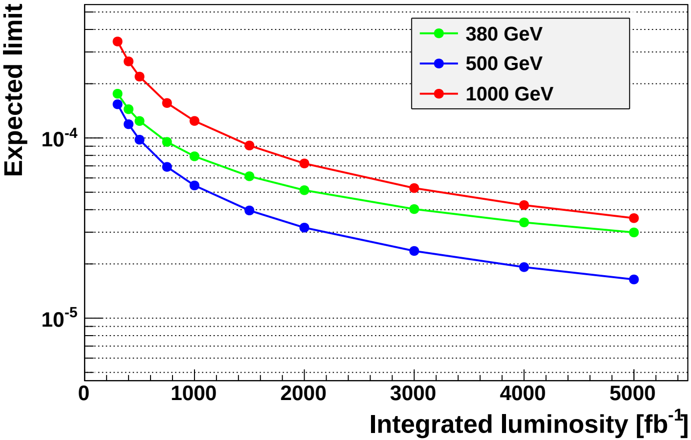
Jet energy resolution 80%



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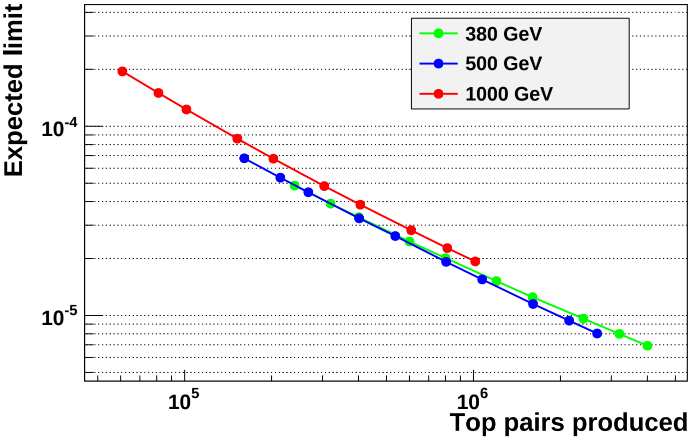

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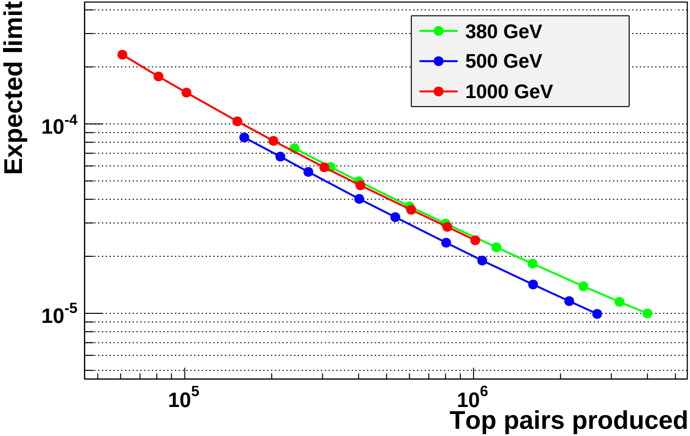

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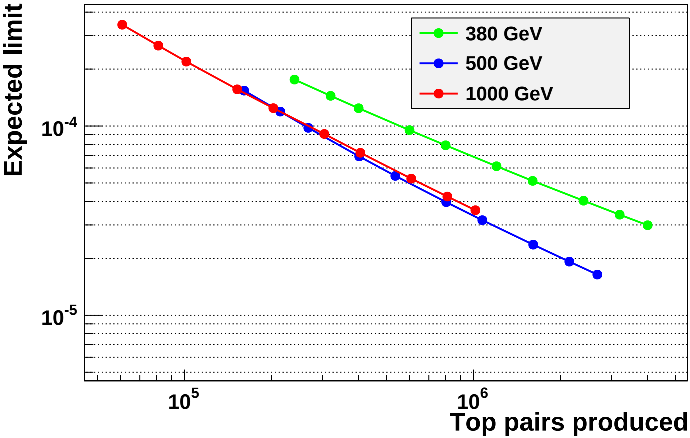

Expected limit

Expected 95% C.L. limit on the number of signal events calculated as an average limit from multiple “background only” experiments, with number of observed events generated from Poisson distribution.